vvhence thev hope to transport commodities of special use for the realm, and to establish a trade of fishing These menha-ve made suit to transport with them divers artificers and others noted to be sectaries, \\hereof four would go in this present voyage This is allowed *by* the Council, provided that they shall not repair again into the realm unless they be contented to reform themselves and live in obedience to the k-ws established for matters of religion Before their departure they shall swear oaths of true faith and obedience to her Majesty

^'Jth March AN EXPLOSION IN DUBLIV

From Dublin Sir John Norns reporteth a lamentable accident of the burning of six lasts of powder on the quay The ruin of the town is exceeding great and by estimation twenty houses near adjoining are thrown to the ground, nor any house or church within the walls but is marvellously damaged in the tilings, glass and small timbers Six score persons of all ages and sexes are known to be slain, but few English, besides sundry headless bodies and heads without bodies that were found There is little appearance of this having happened by treachery, but it is guessed that some nail in the bark struck fire.

2%tb March THE POSSESSED PERSONS IN LANCASHIRE

The children of Mr Starkie having still continued in their fits since the execution of the witch. Edmond Hartley, the gentleman sent for Mr Darrell, that wrought with the boy of Burton At first Mr Darrell was unwilling to come, but at the third sending he came on the i6th March to Cleworth, with Mr George More, another preacher, and soon after their coming the children were thrown into their fits, and scorned

the two preachers For when they called for a Bible, the
children fell a laughing at it and said, * Reach them the bibble
babble, bibble babble/ and continued with many other
scormngs and filthy speeches The preachers determined
therefore to fast and pray with the family Having therefore
the whole family together, and divers honest neighbours for the
holding aad tending of the possessed, they made entrance into
the preparation, which was by way of exhortation, intreatmg
the Lord to put the Devil to silence and that He would charge
and command the spirits to hold their peace so that they might